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12 May 2009

Dear Sir;

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

This paper is responsive to the *Restriction Requirement* dated 07.May.2009.

The Examiner has divided the subject matter of the application based on five dependent claims with respect to specifics of the diester structure claimed in claim 1.

These divisions are based on the following species:

- (1) Claim 4: wherein Y is -(CH₂)_x- wherein x has a value of from 1-4;
- (2) Claim 6: wherein Y represents a -CH₂-CH(SO₃Na)- moiety;

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- (3) Claim 7: wherein Y represents a -CH₂-CH(HNCOCH₃)- moiety;
- (4) Claims 8 and 9: wherein Y represents a -CH₂-CH(NH₂)- moiety, and wherein Y represents a -CH₂CH₂CH(NH₂)- moiety;
- (5) Claim 10: wherein Y represents a -C(O)-CH₂-C(O)-CH₂-C(O)- moiety.

Due to the fact that (a) all of the specific embodiments of the diester according to dependent claims 4, 6, 7, 8+9 and 10 are fully encompassed by the structure present in the independent claim 1, which demonstrates that there is a common "linking claim", and that (b) any search of the subject matter of independent claim 1 would necessarily encompass all diester compounds, it is believed that there would be no undue burden placed upon the Examiner in performing a single search which would be commensurate with the scope of the claimed invention for *all* of the currently pending claims, and thus obviate the Examiner's basis for a restriction between the indicated groups of claims.

Nonetheless, if the Examiner does not withdraw the outstanding *Restriction Requirement/Election of Species*, the applicant provisionally elects with TRAVERSE the following species:

- (1) wherein Y is -(CH₂)_x- wherein x has a value of from 1-4;

The applicant expressly reserves their right to reinstate any non-elected subject matter indicated this paper in a later filed application, or alternately, re-enter the presently non-elected claims as dependent claims written to encompass limitations of allowable claims and request rejoinder of the subject matter of non-elected claims at a later time.

CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES

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